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### **Comments sought on wastewater lab certification program** ***Public hearing set for April 25***

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 15, 2013)** – The Kentucky Division of Water is seeking public comment until April 30 on a proposed administrative regulation establishing the Kentucky Wastewater Laboratory Certification Program. A public hearing will be held April 25 to allow interested persons to comment on the regulation, which was filed with the Legislative Research Commission March 14.

The public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. (EDT) on Thursday, April 25, at 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Conference Room 301D, in Frankfort. Written comments on the proposed regulation should be mailed to Jon Trout, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. They may also be emailed to [jon.trout@ky.gov](mailto:jon.trout@ky.gov) or sent by FAX to 502-564-0111.

The 2011 General Assembly enacted KRS 224.10-670 authorizing the Energy and Environment Cabinet to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a wastewater laboratory certification program for laboratories that are responsible for providing data to the cabinet for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with wastewater discharge permits under the Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

The purpose of the certification is to determine that a laboratory has the necessary technical competence, facilities and equipment to perform the required laboratory analytical procedures. The certification program provides procedures for laboratories applying for certification, establishes laboratory certification fees and provides the appropriate methods and references for evaluating laboratory competence. The program will affect approximately 300 laboratories that perform wastewater testing services.

Visit <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/RegsInProcess.aspx> to review the proposed regulation, the application for certification and the technical manual.

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